

XENIA SENTINEL.

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It is stated that we have two hundred thousand more men in the army than we had a year ago.

THE TRAITOR UNMASKED.

The "watcher over the border" has again been heard from, and the sound is a wall of treason, equalled in its viciousness only by its impotence. O. A. V. always declared that he was in favor of "enforcing the laws." Now, from under the protection of the British lion, he writes to the "publishers of the Dayton Empire," which recent office was recently demolished by soldiers—advising them that it is their duty, and the duty of all "peace" democrats, to make "instant, summary and ample reparation upon the persons and property" of Union men at home. In other words, the banished Carolinian advises his political friends to fight, to inaugurate civil war in Ohio. Whoever heard of a man by principle and constitutionally in favor of peace, advising war? The thing is an idiom. But then if the "great exile" is a possessor of so ferocious a spirit, why didn't he proceed to make "instant, summary and ample reparation," when his sacred body was polluted by the touch of Union soldiers at Dayton once in the "nighttime." Why didn't he fight then? At that time his friends were organized. The bell topped its ringing peals, and the great illustrious, with eyes half opened, and the white flag waving, rushed to the window, and cried out the signal. But aid didn't come, and Clement didn't make "instant, summary and ample reparation" upon those who had so "ruthlessly" disturbed his night's rest. In fact he went off like a lamb, replying his "peace" principles, and exemplifying to his friends the manner in which he would allow the laws to be enforced. But now, when Clement is far away in safety, he advises war. To say the least, this does not look very manly, and followers are not apt to show extraordinary bravery when the chief exhibits so much white feather. The "watcher" is too far away to command, effectively on the field, and if he is present he will certainly lose order No. 2 until he is nearer the scene of action.

Really, Clement L. Vallandigham has unmasked himself. He now hardly attempts to conceal his traitorous proclivities. Some soldiers, patriotic and well-meaning, but perhaps drunk, and certainly unauthorized, destroy a sheet that has ever been opposed to their interests, and the cause for which they are fighting. But no loyal man approves of the act, and nobody sustains the violators of law and peace, and yet Mr. Vallandigham has a war upon the Union men. He invokes the horrors of civil war. He would see the streets of his native city run red with blood. He is in favor of war when it is directed against the laws of a government which he has so many times taken solemn oath to sustain and defend. He is a traitor in full color and plumage, and those who ally themselves with him, must do so with a full understanding of the enormity of his crime as an enemy to the government which so long served and protected him, and under which he held honorable positions, and in whose noble defense he might to-day have been a renowned general instead of being a convict behind the frigid rocks of a strange land.

COLORED SOLDIERS—BRAVERY OF ADJUTANT SNYDER.

We are permitted to make the following extract from an interesting private letter written by John T. Hogue, to his father, J. Hogue, of this vicinity. The letter is dated near Fort Monroe, March 23, 1864:

"The idea that prevails in some quarters, that colored troops will not fight, is all played out. The 2nd Regiment of Colored Cavalry has been in a very severe engagement near Buffalo, and acquitted itself very creditably. They were attacked by a rebel brigade consisting of cavalry, infantry and artillery, under General Ransom. Adjutant Snyder saved the regiment from being cut off and all taken prisoners. He was posted out on one road to warn the main column that went out another road if any rebel force should attempt to get in behind them. He had not been in his position long, before he was attacked by a whole brigade. He held them in check with two companies, until the balance of the regiment got back. When they all got together, they had a very severe fight with overwhelming numbers. The colored men fought like tigers. They asked no quarters, neither did they give any. They lost about twenty or thirty killed, and one Lieutenant. They also had about thirty wounded, and lost forty horses. Adjutant Snyder, who behaved so gallantly, and saved the regiment from being captured, is the son of Captain Snyder at the Old Town Mills. He may well be proud of him, for he is a brave boy. He is Regimental Adjutant of the 2d U. S. Colored Cavalry."

ARMY CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter from the 10th Ohio Battery.
On board Steamer Pauline Carroll,
200 miles above Vicksburg,
Wednesday, March 8, 1864.

Editor SENTINEL:

As a former reader of your paper and citizen of your county, and knowing the desire to hear from different portions of our common country, "how goes the war," I have concluded to give you a short sketch of some of the new recruits for the 10th Ohio Battery. It is unnecessary to more than say that after going through the usual routine of military style, "our squad," consisting of twelve badly boys from Colarville township left the never-to-be-forgotten "Old Barracks" after a sojourn of nearly one week. We started for Indianapolis by the way of Piqua, which cast somewhat of a dimmer on some of the boys, for they had made up their minds that, come what would, they would take a "stop-over ticket," when they got to Cedarville, and see the loved ones of home once more. But after getting under way, they considered the matter "played," and to make the best of it, got a "little 'nuthin'" to take on the road, and went their way. We arrived at Indianapolis about noon, and took dinner at the Soldier's Home, which, by the way, was quite a relief from "Old Barracks." Allow me here to remark, that these Soldier's Home are truly places, where the weary may rest, and the hungry be fed. They are conducted in good order, and the boys did not forget the Soldier's Home, at Indianapolis and Cairo, Va. were detained at the former place until 10 o'clock P. M. The Lieutenant in charge of us gave the boys the liberty of the town for the afternoon, and all came to this but our own large friend Ed., who, by the way, had no uniform, as neither Columbus nor Indianapolis could find him; large enough to try on one of Johnny Brown's. Not to be tedious, we arrived at Cairo on Friday evening, went to the Soldier's Home, and ate supper. We could not get a boat until Friday night. We went on board of the Pauline Carroll, a very handsome river steamer, and partly owned by Mr. Carroll, who built it, and named it after his son. She was on her second trip, heavily loaded with Government freight for Vicksburg and New Orleans. Being a pretty civil squad, the captain gave us the liberty of the boat, and the boys have enjoyed themselves heartily. As we float down the great Father of Waters, the marks of devastation and ruin become more and more discernible. Here you will see the long row of chimneys standing all along where once stood the cabin of the slave. The place that once knew them will know them no more. The crack of the over-seer's lash still sounding in their ears, they have left all mass to "float" his own wood and water. The banks of the river are almost without an inhabitant. Once in a while, a woe-begone-looking wood-chopper will be seen on the bank anxious to sell his cottonwood for "greenbacks." As we approach Vicksburg, the change in the climate is very plainly seen and felt. The peach and cherry trees are in full bloom, and a bird on the hurricane deck at night is not uncomfortable, and the days make the boys hunt the shady trees. Last night, the lightning flashed forth almost hourly. As we pass the mouth of the Arkansas, the plantations become thicker, and occasionally a tolerable fair-looking farm house is still standing, the owner perhaps a Union man. This morning (March 8th) the boys were startled out of sleep with a thunder shower drenching them, and blankets were rolled up in a hurry. I have just learned that a party of guerrillas on Tuesday came upon a camp of contrabands at a point we passed in the night and killed three and wounded five. As usual, they were dressed in Uncle Sam's uniform. Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock, we arrived at Vicksburg, and remained on board all night. On the morning we landed and then hunted up the Battery. I hear that an expedition is fitting out here for the Red River—perhaps not. Permit me to offer for the squad our most heartfelt thanks to Lieut. ant. Miller, 3d O. V. I., and Sergeant Pangburn, and all the boys of the 12th O. V. I. in change of us, for their gentlemanly treatment and privileges given us.

If this should suit you may hear again from O. V. F.

A Defeat of Jeff. Davis and the Copperheads.

Mr. Jeff Davis is no longer in the way of Pennsylvania legislation. The problem is solved. The Copperheads have solved it. The circumstances will be recollected. The Union party had a majority of one in the State Senate. He was Colonel White, of the United States Army. He was captured in battle. The Legislature was tied. The Copperheads and "President" Jeff rejoiced together. They would have half of the office, or they would not consent to organization. Mr. Davis would not let the Colonel go, and Democrats would not organize until he did let him go. There was a dead lock. Tidings of the same reached Colonel White. He was as quick and eager to serve his country with his pen as with his sword. He sat down and wrote out his resignation.

A new election was ordered. A good and true Unionist, Dr. St. Clair, was triumphantly elected; and on last Tuesday he was conducted to his seat in the capital by four thousand people, who shook the city with their tumult of rejoicing.

The wheels of legislation turned again. And now read, mark, and inwardly digest! The bill enabling the soldiers in the field to vote was immediately called up. It was carried, but what was the vote? There were seventeen yeas, and sixteen nays against it. The sixteen votes against were every one Democratic vote. Keep it before the people. And remark:

"On what a slender thread hang everything things!"

THE REBELS are making cavalry demonstrations on the Rappahannock.

The Presidency.

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In compliance with that article of our Constitution which provides that the President shall be elected every fourth year, the present year brings the period for a new election, when we are to be called upon to make choice of a man who shall preside over this nation for another presidential term; and in so doing, we shall have but one principal object in view; that is, that of electing a man who is true to the Union, and who will labor incessantly that the Government shall maintain her authority over the territory which has been overrun by traitors. That the ensuing election will be the most important that the people have ever been called upon to decide since the formation of our Government, we all admit. The loyal and traitors alike have much interest in the result, and both look forward to that period with the hope that it will result in the election of him who is most favorable to their interests. Believing as we do, that the traitors will make a strong effort to control this election, it behooves us all who are of the same opinion that this Union ought not to be dissolved, that the right of secession ought not to be acknowledged, to stand firm and neither vote for nor countenance as being in sympathy with those in rebellion against our Government.

Such a candidate will surely be before the people, and in our choice let us not deceive ourselves, because we have men who have been tried and we know them to be true, and if you will not consider it undignified or premature in us to propose the nomination of Abraham Lincoln to the convention to be held on the 7th of June next, as our choice for the Presidency. Our reason for so doing, is that we have tried him, and found him to be the right man in the right place. The importance of this election is such that we should not elect a man president in the way of an experiment and perhaps find out our mistake when it is too late; rather let us exercise the right of suffrage as seriously as we would invoke divine blessings from heaven; let us be considerate. Perhaps our nationality or future greatness, or even lasting ruin is to be decided by our ballot in November next. Shall we press the claims or urge the policy of re-electing honest Abe? Has he not claim paramount to those of any other man in our nation? He took his seat as President after the war had actually begun, under the most embarrassing circumstances. That traitor soldiers could be heard all over the South, and treason impudent and defiant demanded that they should be allowed to secede with nine States of the Union. He had no army; he having been stationed on Southern soil he had no navy; he having been sent to foreign seas, he had no arms or munitions of war they having been stolen by Southern traitors and with every department of the Government filled with men who sought to fasten slavery upon every star of our constellation, who would fasten forever the claims of slavery upon their own offspring. It was who had to bring order out of this chaos of pollution and show to his countrymen that in the Constitution, which he had just taken a most solemn oath to obey that he not only could find power given the chief executive to suppress rebellious but was obligated to do so, a power which the poor old imbecile Buchanan could not see that was vested in him as president. They did not stop there. They demanded in an armed attitude that the city of Washington and the Capitol should be handed over to them, and if the Government refused to accede to their demands war was the only alternative. This administration is charged with bringing on this war. What should Lincoln have done in the premises? Should he have searched the constitution in vain to find that he had no power as president to oppose the demands of traitors as his predecessor has done. But true to his patriotism and to his constitutional duty he called upon his countrymen to rally around the Stars and Stripes and show to traitors at home that they shall be respected at home as well as they are by foreign governments. But the war went on notwithstanding Lincoln in his inaugural gave them the assurance that all the laws upon the statute book and all constitutional guarantees for the protection of their so-called rights should be enforced and carried out in good faith. But his policy in conducting the war is objected to by the whole South and a strong element in the North. It is argued that he has no power to hinder and state which may want to secede.

That the war has not been prosecuted constitutionally and again that the liberty of speech has been abridged and other objections equally traitorous and absurd have urged. But from where do these objections come? From Loyal men? No! but from men whose children know from instinct to be disloyal. The policy laid down and which has been strictly adhered to by the president has been such as has met with the approbation of loyal men and there is no doubt that if it is carried out it will most effectually crush the rebellion and from necessities of the case destroy the cause of it, which was slavery. Change this policy and we predict that it will be for the worse. We may elect a man who is as loyal as Lincoln and who would bend his whole energy to the suppression of the rebellion but if the present policy is changed the war will be at least prolonged beyond the time which any of us calculated it will last.

If we should elect a man who would make a good President, and he should in his judgment adopt a policy different from Lincoln's, and also a good one, then we think that Napoleon's saying would be verified "that one had general is better than two good ones." That is to make the application clear, that an Administration less able than Lincoln's, having the good of the country at heart, would be more successful than two good policies conflicting. As we believe that Washington was, in the providence of God, dedicated to the work of achieving our independence, and thereby securing to his countrymen a free and happy inheritance.

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